## Abstract of the Disclosure

There are disclosed compounds of formulae (I) or (II) in which A is selected from the group consisting of (1), (2), (3) and (4); OH, and one of R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> is selected from H, OH and OCH $_3$ , and the other of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  is selected from OH and OCH $_3$ ; one of R3 and R4 is selected from H, OH and OCH3, and the other of R3 and R4 is selected from OH and OCH3; provided that at least one of the pairs  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$  are both OH;  $R_5$  is selected from OH and OCH3; and ----- denotes a single or double bond; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts and prodrugs thereof. The compounds of the invention are useful for the treatment of hormone-dependent conditions and cancers.

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16. (Amended) The method according to claim 13 wherein said hormone dependent condition is selected from the group consisting of hormone dependent cancers, hormone dependent cardiovascular disorders and hormone dependent menopausal disorders.



23. The method according to claim 14 wherein said hormone dependent condition is selected from the group consisting of hormone dependent cancers, hormone dependent cardiovascular disorders and hormone dependent menopausal disorders.

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